



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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**Tara B. White, Chair  
Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Michele Shalaby  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
July 30, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Tara B. White, Chairman  
Michele Shalaby  
Nat Yohalem

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary  
Graham Frank

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 2:41 p.m.**

**Sisson Hill Update** – Chairman White advised that the Eichstedts request to be reimbursed \$2500.00 has been submitted to the Town's insurance company. Also discussed was putting in a "settling pond" in an effort to divert the debris and water. Chairman White advised the Eichstedts have done work on their property; they've dug a trench, etc. which may solve the problem.

**Spiess Property** – Selectman Yohalem advised that the value of the structure is approximately \$138,000.00, but the real value is in the land. He further discussed that this property must be insured for liability and fire, as well as any destruction of the property. An inspection of this property is necessary. Chairman White noted that Sullivan and Sullivan should be contacted for possible auction. The problem with selling the property is that the previous owners have the Right of Redemption and would have one year to reclaim the property after paying back taxes, fines, etc. Mr. Skorput will contact Sullivan and Sullivan to have them evaluate the property for auction as well as how the Right of Redemption law might affect the property value.

**County Road** – It was reported that it was still too wet to begin construction on County Road.

**Police Chief** – Selectman Yohalem reported that, per Counsel, the Board of Selectmen can appoint a Police Chief for the duration of the term without having advertised the position. A discussion with Graham Frank ensued, requesting he set goals that will be discussed and reviewed with the Board of Selectmen. Although the Board wanted a contract drawn up, Graham advised that he had one that Scott Farrell had given to him. Graham will give the Board a copy so that it can be discussed. A meeting will be set up with the Selectmen to discuss these goals, as well as a

contract. Selectman Yohalem advised he has a meeting with Scott Farrell on Monday, August 4, where he will obtain additional needed information on the Police Chief's position. **A motion was made and seconded to appoint Graham Frank as Acting Police Chief until June 30, 2015 at a salary of \$50,000.00 per year, effective August 7, 2014, subject to his signing a contract with the Town. After three months, on November 1, 2014, Graham will be reviewed. At that time a discussion on salary as well as certain previously agreed upon goals will be evaluated.**

**Interview with Marilyn Scaglione** – Although Marilyn had previously advised she had taken another position, she advised she decided not to take that position. Although Marilyn does not have municipal experience, she has experience in payroll, personnel, etc. Marilyn agreed that she would take the courses necessary for her to be educated in understanding municipal business practices. She was also advised that this position necessitates that she become a member of the Finance Committee. Marilyn also was advised that it would be necessary for her to be at Town Hall at least one day a week and that should be the same day every week, and she must attend all Special and Annual Town Meetings. **A motion was made and seconded to hire Marilyn Scaglione for the position of Treasurer at a rate of 14,000 per year, effective October 1, 2014, subject to review after 90 days.**

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary